

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 12, 2012**

Members present: Larry Dennis, Char Rios, Jonathon Brooks, Tiffany Quilter, Bette Lang and Brian Dano  
 Members absent: Charles Maynard, Kim Ries-Ashley and Hilda Grant  
 Staff present: Spencer Grigg, Roland Gonzales and Kerri Fenner  
 Guests present: Carly Griffith Hotvedt

2012 MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD

Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Dano, B	X	C	E	X	C	X	C	O	X			
Brooks, J	X	C	X	E	C	X	C	X	X			
Dennis, L	X	C	X	X	C	X	C	X	X			
Grant, H	X	C	X	E	C	X	C	X	R			
Kirwan, B	E	C	E	E	C	R	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Quilter, T	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	C	X	X			
Lang, B	X	C	X	E	C	X	C	E	X			
Maynard, C	X	C	X	X	C	X	C	X	E			
Ries-Ashley, K	X	C	X	O	C	E	C	X	E			
Rios, C	X	C	X	X	C	X	C	X	X			

C=meeting canceled X=present O=absent E=excused R=resigned

Call Meeting to Order

The regular meeting was called to order by Chair Larry Dennis at 7:03 p.m.

Introduction of Guests/Visitors

Carly Griffith Hotvedt was present to discuss her request for a dog park.

Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

Mr. Dano moved the minutes of August 8, 2012 be approved as submitted, seconded by Ms. Rios. Unanimously approved and passed.

Communication/Correspondence

*Hilda Grant Resignation –*

Mr. Dennis read a letter from Hilda Grant indicating she is resigning from the Parks & Recreation Commission due to a scheduling conflict. Mr. Dennis stated that Ms. Grant has been a valuable member of the Commission, has been fun to work with, and will be missed. The Commission thanks Ms. Grant for her service and wishes her well in her future endeavors.

*Carly Griffith Hotvedt, Esq. (Dog Park) –*

Ms. Hotvedt told the Commission about the dog park she helped promote in the town she moved here from, and her ideas for a dog park here in Moses Lake. Significant discussion held regarding legal issues that may arise from aggressive dogs, potential park maintenance issues, different features that could be implemented in the park, and the Basin Homes property, which is a possible location for the park. Mr. Dano moved to recommend to City Council that they allow Ms. Hotvedt to make a presentation to them and that they explore the possibilities of creating a dog park on the Basin Homes property or another suitable location. If all the specific financing and rules and regulations can be worked out, the Parks and Recreation Commission will approve the creation of a dog park. Ms. Lang seconded Mr. Dano’s motion. Unanimously approved and passed.

Plat Reviews/Dedication, or Fee in Lieu of Land - Monthly Update

*Final Blue Heron Park Major Plat –*

Mr. Grigg explained that Blue Heron was previously unplatted property, but due to having to get a building permit for the new restroom which was installed in the park this year, we were required to have the land platted.

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Mr. Dano and other members asked about the progress of the new fishing dock. Mr. Gonzales explained that the dock was manufactured by a local company and is completed. However, due to the extremely large size of the dock, the logistics of placing it is still being worked out. The original plan was to remove the dock for the winter, but it may need to be left in the water permanently because of its weight. We should take delivery of the dock this fall and install it in the spring.

### Director's Report

#### *Larson Ballfield/Youth Sports Complex –*

Mr. Grigg passed out a letter from Mr. Gonzales which highlighted the information the Commission previously requested regarding the costs for converting Larson Playfield to a Youth Sports Complex or, in the alternative, developing a new ballfield complex. Included with the letter was a diagram of a conceptual design Mr. Gonzales developed of the Lower Peninsula area, which could add three soccer fields and a baseball field. Mr. Grigg gave a summary of the cost factor of a new complex and the budgetary concerns, concluding that another sports complex may be a ways down the road due to the economy and our budget.

Mr. Dano asked if we have applied for a grant from the Lauzier Foundation. Mr. Grigg explained that we don't request money from them every year, but we do apply for other various grants each year. We may have missed requesting a grant from the Lauzier Foundation for this year, but it is a definite possibility for the future for this project. Mr. Gonzales stated that there is an irrigation pump installed now at the Lower Peninsula area, so it will be possible to irrigate turf and develop landscaping. He would like to enhance the wildlife area and also establish some turf so children have a place to play. Discussion also held regarding the municipal property off of Road L.

#### *Budget Update –*

We have already submitted our preliminary budget, which is pretty much a mirror of last year's budget. We do have some major maintenance repairs coming up at the waterpark this year, which will be a big hit on our annual net at the waterpark. The budget will go to the City Manager for review in the next month or so, and then onto City Council for approval and adoption.

#### *Concert and Movie Series –*

The Concert Series and Movie Series are now over and were well attended. Mr. Grigg gave highlights of the Brit Beat and Verve Pipe shows. He will be meeting with Bill Burke to go over this year's series and start planning for the future. The Youth Hockey program ran the concessions as they have for a few years now. The kids volunteered their labor to raise money to go to Washington D.C.

#### *Surf n' Slide Waterpark –*

The pool season went well, with the exception of the month of June due to weather closures. There are still members of neighboring communities who complain that we close the pool after Labor Day, and we explain that most of our staff consists of students who return to school. Mr. Grigg has not seen the final numbers for this year, but for the past 3 or 4 years, 20% of pool admissions are from local residents and 80% from out of town residents.

#### *Maintenance Report –*

Mr. Gonzales reported that the maintenance department is preparing for winter and the opening of the ice rink. He also gave a rundown of the busy upcoming weekend and all of the events being held.

### Commission Questions/Comments

None.

### Adjournment

Ms. Rios moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Lang. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.